

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 7 June 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 45-51,62,63 and 70-72.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 45-51, 62, 63 and 70-72 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Shank reference (U.S. Patent No. 4,001,480) is distinguished from the instant claims because Shank does not suggest or disclose removing the internal soluble constituents from the yeast, or treatment of yeast by autolysis and/or with external enzymes, and subsequently with an acid aqueous solution followed by a separation step (to separate the cell residue from the internal soluble cell constituents), as instantly claimed. These steps are important to provide a continuous, low oxygen or gas permeable coating, as instantly claimed. Furthermore, Shank infuses fat-soluble substances into yeast, or casts yeast containing such fat-soluble products onto carbonless paper. It does not teach the method for preparing a continuous, low oxygen or gas permeable coating as instantly claimed.

The Jamas, et al. reference (U.S. Patent No. 4,962,094) is distinguished from the instant claims because Jamas is directed to a method for preparing a purified glucan dietary additive, and does not provide a motivation to combine its method with a method for preparing a coating. Furthermore, Jamas purifies its product to minimize cell wall products such as glycogen, protein and chitin, while the instant application claims a method for preparing a yeast residue that may comprise, e.g., glucan, mannan, and chitin. Jamas uses an alkali solution in the extraction process; the instant claims recite that the yeast have not been treated with alkali. Applicant has submitted declarations

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under 37 CFR 1.132 (filed on 7/20/04) showing that the use of alkali imparts properties on the product that are different from those sought by applicant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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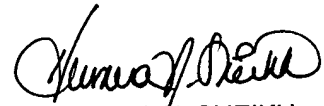
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hasan S. Ahmed whose telephone number is 571-272-4792. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael P. Woodward can be reached on 571-272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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